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THE TRUE  
**NARRATIVE**  
OF THE  
**PROCEEDINGS**  
The Sessions House  
IN THE  
**OLD BAYLY**

which began on *Wednesday* the 18th of this Instant *April* and ended on *Thursday* the 19th following;

Giving an Account of most of the Remarkable Trials there, viz For Murder Felonies and Burglariet, &c. with a particular Relation of their Names and the places of their committing their Facts, and the number of those Condemned to die, Burn'd in the Hand, Transported and to be whipt.

Entered according to ORDER:

**A**T the Sessions of Oyer and Terminer that began at the *Old Bayly* on *Wednesday* the 18th of *April* and ended the 19th of the same Instant: The proceedings were these

*Mary Smith* was Indicted and Tryed for stealing a Coat and waistcoat on the 22th of *February* last from *Allen Tuller* of *St. Ann's Black Fryers* whereupon it was Sworn against her that she had fold them and confessed that she took them from the house of the prosecutor who was then her Master; to which she pleaded Ignorance as to the theft, Saying she received them of a young man then Lodging in the house with whom she had some Small acquaintance at *Cambridge*: &c. she came to *London* and that he told her the cloaths were his own and therefore desired her to sell them for him, but no manner of proof appearing to confirme what she Alledged the Jury found her Guilty, though only to the Value of 10 d.

*Ralph Philips*, was Indicted for killing *John Hern* on the first of *March* last, the manner thus; the Prisoner, and the deceased drinking in a *Tavern* in the *Swaby* with divers other Gentlemen, the deceased being in drink, grossly abused the Prisoner, and notwithstanding all the intreatys that could be used to perswade him to the Contrary could not cause him to rest satisfied, but following the Prisoner after his departure from the said *Tavern* would oblige to fight him, in vvhich conflict *Hern* received a mortal wound under his left Pap of vvhich he vvithin an hours space died, but no premeditated Malice appearing the Prisoner vvvas found Guilty of Manislaughter.

*Richard*

*Richard Thacrell* being Indicted for stealing a Silver tankard upon his Arraignment pleaded Guilty to that and all other Indictments under the benefit of Clergy.

*James Hull* being likewise Indicted for Robbing the Earl of Powis on the 5th of February last of 17 Pounds pleaded Guilty to his Indictment.

*William Hugs* was Indicted for picking the pocket of the wife of one *Frances Heming* in *leaden-Hall-Street* who upon his Arraignment pleading not Guilty it was Sworn against him by the prosecutor that she took his hand in her pocket but that being too strong for her he got away carrying with him a box and other things valued at six shillings and that upon her crying after him he was kept though upon search the said box was not found about him yet it was conjectured (as usual it is) that he had his receivers at hand to whom he delivered his prize and he having been an old Offendor he was found Guilty.

*Thomas Smith* was Indicted for stealing a copper pot, a Kettle, Sauce-pan, spoons, pewter plates and the like on the 7 of March last from *Henry Butler* of *Septon*; the which upon his trial appearing only that one of the pots Lost was found to be sold by him to a brazier; to counter-balance which he brought witnesses to prove that he bought the said pot of one *Jones* now prisoner in new-gate for the said Robbery and that he gave a Market price for it being his trade to buy things at second hand whereupon he was acquitted of that Indictment.

*Mary Baly* was Indicted for stealing a Mantu Gown, a pair of Silk Stockings, a Scarf, a pair of Holland-Sleeves, Porrengers, &c. on the 28th of February last, out of the House of *John Webby*, of *St. Giles's* in the *Fields*, where she lived in the nature of a Servant; to which upon her Arraignment she pleaded not Guilty, but after the Fact by the Evidence was plainly proved, she confessed that an Old Woman supposed now to be her Confederate, and in whose custody part of the Goods were found, took them by her Permission, in the absence of her Master and Mistress, upon which the Jury brought her in Guilty of the Felony.

*Elizabeth Cherry*, was Indicted for that she on the 13th. of December last, Robbed the House of one *Mr. Quarles* of *St. Giles's* in the *Fields*, of a *Pease-Cook*, *Sleeves*, and other Linnen, to a considerable value which being proved against her, as found where she had disposed of them and also in her Examination before the Justice, who committed her, she had confessed the Fact: and she now hardly denying it, was found Guilty.

*William Sims*, was Indicted for stealing a Silver Tankard valued at six pounds, from *Elizabeth Freeman*, at the *Crown* in the *Old Pall-Mall* *Westminster*, to which upon his Arraignment, he pleaded not Guilty: whereupon the Womans Daughter, who lost the Tankard was sworn who gave Evidence that such a manner of man came in and called for a Tankard of Beer, and whilst she was busie below stairs she down from the Balcony and Marched off with the tankard for a long time bogled in her Evidence ere she would charge the prisoner to be the man which made the court suspect that she had been tampered with and that she might the better know him Caused his great



great Coat to be pulled off upon which she knowing the suit of Cloaths to be the same with those the person wore, when the *Tankard* was lost swore him positively to be the man, and he no way able to give any account of himself, having been once before pardoned he now was found Guilty.

*Robert Savage* a Soldier, was Indicted for shooting one *Philip Russell* his fellow Soldier. The manner (as upon his Tryal it appeared) thus, the Prisoner being set Sentinel, the deceased and an other Soldier coming along, the deceased in a jesting manner, said to the other here's the Rogue *Savage* lets kill him; and not thinking further harm passed him, who Cocking his Piece swore he would kill him first, and thereupon fired so that the Bullet entering under his Short-Ribs went out behind, of which within two hours he died. The Prisoner being demanded what he could say for himself, alledged that he did but his Duty, and that he prevented the other from killing him, and for ought he knew he had a design to seize the Tower, with many such frivelous excuses, but it appearing that he offered him no hurt, nor so much as took his Piece from off his Shoulder, *Savage* was found Guilty of willful Murder.

*Philip Johnson* was likewise tryed for killing *John Mills* a Child not above half a year old on the 14th of *March* last, the manner thus, he coming into the house of the Mother of the Child living in *St. Martins* in the *Fields*, and calling for *Brandy*, would have gone up Stairs with a Woman he pretended to be his Wife, but the Woman of the house not permitting it he fell to railing and abusing her after a gross rate, but in the end she got him out of the Doors: but not satisfied (or as he said himself) fully revenged 3 days after he came again, and fell to breaking the Windows, to prevent which the Woman with her Child in her Arms Endeavouring he struck at her, and whether missing his blow, or that he did it purposely is uncertain, hit the Child such a blow on the head, that within a short time it died, but the Jury not imagining that he wilfully struck the Child, brought him in Guilty of Manslaughter.

*Samuel Lambert*, was Indicted for stealing a Gelding twenty pounds price, from a person in *Hertford-shire*, which he exposed to sail for the sum of fifty Shillings, upon which he was apprehended (who upon his Tryal pleaded that he bought him of a man upon, or near, *Hounslow-Heath* for thirty four Shillings, but neither able to produce the person, nor give any satisfactory account of his own Life and Reputation he was found Guilty.

*Elizabeth Clark*, of *St. Pauls Convent-Garden*, was Tryed of an Accessory to the Death of *Sir William Throckmorton*, killed by one *James Stanier*, in the 28th of *June* last, the said *Stanier* being fled and out-lawed for the same. the Circumstances as they appeared upon Evidence were these house the deceased coming to the Prisoners, somwhat in drink, & gave several abusive words to *Stanier* who lodged there, for which the Prisoner rebuking him & he rufly handling her, she said that *Mr. Stanier* or his brother, should take satisfaction, when the next day a letter coming to the deceased, he met *Stanier* at the *Spring-Garden* in *Westminster*, where fighting *Sir William* was slain, but other Evidence in the behalf of the Prisoner Counterballancing what had been said against her she was acquitted.

*Ralph*

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*William Griffeth*, and *James Griffeth*, were Tryed for stealing a *Beaver-Hat*, valued at 40. s. from *John Goodwin*, of which the former being Convicted, the latter, confessed the Felony.

*John Littleton*, Alias *Baniss*, was Tryed for picking the pocket of *Margaret Haly*, on the 13th. of *March* last, in *Cheap-side* of six twenty-pilling pieces of Broad Gold one 22 shillings peice a Barbary peice d 15. shillings in money but not being taken in the fact nor any of the said Money found about him he was acquitted.

*Elizabeth Whitehead* of *Dukes place* was tryed for clipping and coining *Queen Elizabeth* shillings and *King Charles* the first his halfe Crowns some of either sort of which being taken about her at the time of her being apprehended yet the actual coining and clipping not being proved upon her she was acquitted.

*Peter Mathew* was tryed for Robing *Richard Brome* on the 21. past of 4 Silver Tankards 3. Rings 5. Silver spoones a set of Silver buttons, a Silver salt 16 pounds in money and other things the manner thus he and 5 more coming into the house of the prosecutor to drink late watched their opportunity bound the Master his servants and who ever else they layed hands of and then breaking open the doors rifled the house and departed which being sworn in Court against the prisoner was found Guilty both of the burglary and felony.

*Henry Conway* was tryed for killing *John Griffith* on the 3 of *March* last the which upon Evidence appeared that the prisoner and the deceased being up to gether all night and playing at dice the deceased lost and not haveing money to answer his Losing the prisoner, called him cheat at which the deceased being offended told him he should answer it another time and so breaking up they went into *Lambs conduet-fields* and there fought when after several passes Griffith fell down dead being run into the body 6 Inches the prisoner being likewise run through the body and wounded in several other places but but no prepeence Malice appearing he was found Guilty only of Man-slaughter.

*Henry Rosseston* was Indicted for Killing *Stephen Low* on the 30th of *March* last near the *May-pole* in the *Strand* the quarrell arising about the prisoners taking the part of a woman that the deceased and some other of his companions were abusing her in the Street upon which provocative words and blows passing on both sides the prisoner wounded *Low* in the brest with his sword of which wound he Instantly dyed but the meeting being accidental and the mischief done in heat of blood it was found but manslaughter.

*Frances Johnson* was tryed for stealing a cravat Silver buckles a hat and other things from *John Copley* which being proved against him he was found Guilty.

*Hugh Jones* was tryed for stealing 20. pare of Gloves for which upon prooffe that he stole them and had disposed of them at under rates he was convicted of the felony.

At this Remarkable Sessions were 6 burn in the hands viz. *Henry Conway*, *Hugh Jones*, *Henry Rosseston*, *Ralph Phillips*, *Catharin Steel*, and *Mary Smith*, 9th orderd for transported viz. *Richard Mackvill*, *James Hull*, *William Griffith*, *James Griffith*, *William Simes*, *Philp Johnson*, *Thomas Davis*, *Frances Johnson*, *James Turner* 6 received sentence of death viz. *William Ript*, *Peter Mathews*, *Robert Savage*, *Samuel Lamberts*, *Thomas Care* and *Elizabeth Cherry* and 5 Sentenced to be whipped and so ended the Session.

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